

**GREENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, August 9, 2006 – 6:00pm**

**Peeler Recreation Center – 1300 Sykes Avenue**

**PRESENT:** Paul Brown, Robert Douglas, III, Lori Galbreath, Rose Marie Ponton, Judi Rossabi, Randy Scott, Cheryl Wilson

**ABSENT:** Marc Bush, David Hoggard

**STAFF PRESENT:** Candice Bruton, Ed Deaton, Courtney Hemphill, John Hughes, Bonnie Kuester, Dan Maxson, Brooks Mullane, Darius Oliver, Louise Person, Eddie Pugh, Marcie Richardson, Mike Simpson, Bernadette White, Chris Wilson

The regular meeting of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission was held at Peeler Recreation Center. Robert Douglas, III, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the July 12, 2006 Commission Meeting were approved as submitted.

**Recognition**

Bonnie Kuester, Director, recognized the Parks and Recreation Employee of the Month for August, Mica McGhee-Bey. Connie Brown extended the recognition and accepted the award on McGhee-Bey's behalf.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Trail Naming Request**

Jack Jezorek, representative, Audubon Society, returned to the Commission for their approval to name the walking trail in T. Gilbert Pearson Natural Area in honor of Tom Hillmer. Jezorek stated that, as required in the Parks and Recreation Naming Facilities Policy, a notice regarding the proposed naming has been posted at the facility for thirty days. No oppositions have come forth.

**Action Taken**

**A motion was made by Rose Marie Ponton and seconded by Lori Galbreath to approve the naming of the trail in the T. Gilbert Pearson Natural Area in honor of Tom Hillmer. A vote in favor was unanimous.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Dedicated Drainageway and Open Space**

Candice Bruton, Strategic Planning Administrator, informed the Commission that the Parks and Recreation Department has the opportunity to accept a deed for an area consisting of 2.78 acres located on South Holden Road between West Meadowview Road and Interstate 40. All City of Greensboro Departments involved approve of this dedication. This area would be reserved as drainageway and open space.

**Action Taken**

**A motion was made by Lori Galbreath and seconded by Cheryl Wilson to accept the donated land. A vote in favor was unanimous.**

### **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

NONE

### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Kuester commended staff for their efforts towards hosting the Citizen Board Member Forum and thanked those who attended.

### **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

**Judi Rossabi** commended staff towards their efforts regarding the first edition of the Tannenbaum Park Colonial Newsletter.

**Lori Galbreath** commended staff for their efforts towards the Citizen Board Member State Forum.

**Rose Marie Ponton** commended staff for their efforts towards the Citizen Board Member State Forum and stated that Robert Douglas, III was the recipient of the Citizen Board Member RIP Jackson award.

**Paul Brown**, new Commission Board Member, stated that he looks forward to working with the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department and Commission.

**Robert Douglas, III**, commended staff for their efforts towards the Citizen Board Member State Forum. Douglas introduced and welcomed Commission Member Paul Brown.

With no further Commission business Douglas adjourned the business meeting at 6:18 pm. At this point the Keeley Park consultant, Derek Williams of Site Solutions began the public input process into the future design and construction of the Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcie Richardson, Executive Assistant  
Greensboro Parks and Recreation